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RECLAMATION ACT DECLARED LEGAL

California Court Upholds Government's Right to Condemn Land.

San Francisco, Calif., July 6.—The constitutionality of the reclamation act was upheld today by the United States circuit court of appeals, which sustained the decision of the Idaho district court in favor of the government in the case of David Burley against the United States.

Burley contended that the act which permitted the government to condemn lands and water for irrigation purposes was unconstitutional, on the ground that the water stored in the reservoirs sought to be tapped was not wholly for public use, but for private, as it was supplied to private land owners.

The decision established the right of the secretary of the interior to acquire by condemnation or otherwise, lands and waters in the furtherance of any reclamation projects. It also extends the right of the government to take over any needed private water rights in carrying out the provisions of the act. It directly affects the disbursement of the \$20,000,000 recently appropriated by congress for reclamation projects in the west, and will permit the resumption of work which had been suspended pending a final decision of the legal questions involved.

Reclamation Work.
Beverly, Mass., July 6.—Secretary Ballinger said last night, after a conference with the president, that he had prepared the instructions for the board of engineers appointed by the president to pass on the irrigation projects that are to be completed under the \$20,000,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness.

Mr. Ballinger made it plain that while the army engineers will have the say as to what projects shall be completed, the actual work of construction will be done by the field force of the reclamation service under the supervision of the director, W. H. Newell. Gen. William L. Marshall, the engineer officer appointed last week as



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The Call Of the Hills

(By Wilbur D. Nesbit.)

For some the summons of the streets,
For some the calling of the sea
Whose song unceasing beats and beats—
But my green hills they call to me.

The green hills that I used to know,
Whose trees reach up slim finger tips,
To touch the clouds that hover low,
To kiss the wild red roses tips,
And drink their dew in honey-slips.

The green hills whisper all the time
Across the distance life has set
A subtle call that swings in rhyme
No rhyme ever captured yet,
A song that one may not forget.

The green hills, aye, they have a song
That none may fashion into words;
Now faintly soft, now surging strong,
Now blended melody of birds
And eve-calls of the lowing herds.

So in my dreams I wander still
To where the little path is flung
From vale to vale and hill to hill,
The nodding, drooping blooms among—
Where that clear call is given tongue.

For some the hailing of the street,
For some the calling of the sea—
But ever soft and low and sweet,
My good green hills they call to me.

DINNERS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fraser entertained at a most enjoyable all day party on July 4, in honor of their guest, Miss Carrie Blackwell, of Jacksonville, Ill. A delicious luncheon was served at noon at the Fraser home, at which the decorations were suggestive of the day. During the afternoon the party enjoyed the celebration at Washington park, and upon their return were entertained at an elaborate dinner at the Harvey house. The table was attractively decorated with a huge bouquet of red carnations. The personnel of the party included: Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss Adele Paxton, Messrs. Clarence Johnson, Earl Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fraser.

One of the most charmingly appointed dinners of the week was that given on Monday evening in celebration of the Fourth by Miss Lucy Werne. The table arrangements were particularly pleasing and characteristic of the occasion. A big American eagle occupied the central position on the table and was surrounded with a profusion of asparagus ferns. The candles were shielded with shades of red, white and blue, and the attractive place cards were miniature copies of the Declaration of Independence.

The favors were shells, guns and tiny flags. Those enjoying Miss Werne's hospitality were: Misses Henrietta Buckler, Frances Clark, Elleen Walz, Wanda Race, Virginia Mitchell, Martha Thurmond, Mabel Faiver, Messrs. George Mansfield, Tom Newman, Oakley Sharpe, Jr., J. B. Vance, Dr. Robert F. Williams, Allen H. Rodes, Herbert Herms, Joseph Waddington. After the dinner dancing was enjoyed.

F. W. Freeman was the host at a beautifully appointed dinner given Friday evening at his home in Highland Park. The affair was complimentary to E. A. Kimball of the Texas oil company, who was recently promoted to the position of manager of the Rocky Mountain System of the Texas oil company, with headquarters at Pueblo, Colo. Mr. Kimball will soon leave for that place, and will be accompanied by R. L. Scarborough, who will fill the position of chief clerk.

As a token of the esteem in which he is held Mr. Kimball was presented with a handsome gold-headed umbrella and Mr. Scarborough was presented with a gold Masonic scarf pin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barr very delightfully entertained at a "July Fourth" dinner in honor of their daughter, Miss Florence Barnes, who will soon leave for a summer outing in California. The handsomely appointed table was set on the lawn, and those enjoying the dinner were: Mrs. O. B. Bockman, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hansen, Mrs. H. D. Boddington, Miss Jessie King, Miss Florence Barnes. Following the dinner, music and fireworks were enjoyed.

WEDDINGS.

A simple, yet beautiful home wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock when Miss Lillian Martin and William L. Follett were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, 418 Union avenue. The immediate family and two or three girl friends of the bride were in attendance at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Henry Easter, of St. Clement's Episcopal church. The home was attractively decorated throughout with quantities of pink carnations.

The bride was daintily and becomingly gowned in pink silk with over dress of pink lace. She carried pink carnations and smiled in shower effect. The groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Follett, is an El Paso man and is popular with a large circle of friends. He is connected with the boundary commission service. The young couple left over the Santa Fe last evening for Colorado Springs. Upon their return they will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Follett, 515 West Missouri street.

Thursday evening at 7 o'clock Miss Willie Caspary and William F. Dwyer will be united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Montana street.

The young people will leave at once for La Grande, Texas, where they will live.

On Saturday evening at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. church Oscar Harvey and Miss Jennie Kee were married at 8:30 o'clock.

Only a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Rev. C. S. Wright. The newly wedded couple will make their home in El Paso.

RETURNING EL PASOANS.

Mr. G. E. Drake and Mrs. Frank Bertsch returned from a trip to Clondroff, where they occupied the Pennybacker cottage.

Mrs. J. E. Bowen, who has just returned from Toray, Texas, was the inspiration for several delightful social affairs during her absence. Mrs. J. Binning Young and Mrs. Virginia Van Gieson of Toray entertained at a delightful luncheon on Friday at the country home of Mrs. Van Gieson. The table was decorated with a profusion of summer flowers. The luncheon was followed by bridge. On Wednesday Mrs. Frank Bertsch entertained at bridge, complimentary to Mrs. Bowen.

Miss Mary Gates and Mary Gates Redmond will return tomorrow from a fortnight's visit at Clondroff.

Mrs. J. W. Lorentzen has returned from a visit to Paywood Hot Springs, N. M.

Miss Marie Cole returned home Monday from the State Normal at San Marcos.

Miss Sallie Page, accompanied by her mother, has returned from a 10 days' sojourn at Clondroff.

Mrs. Pauline Witte will arrive home the first of the week from Philadelphia, where she was called on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. J. A. Happer will arrive home tomorrow from the James Brown-Potter ranch, near Torreon, Mexico, where she has been visiting several weeks.

Mrs. C. E. Kelly and children are at home from a visit to Inverness, Miss., and other southeastern points.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES.

Archie Franklin was the host on Thursday afternoon at a delightful party given at the home of his aunt, Miss Anna Franklin.

The afternoon, which was a most enjoyable one, was spent in blowing soap bubbles. Refreshments of ices and cake were served to the small guests, who were: Eva Dundin, Ollie Pearce, Nina Dundin, Annie McLaughlin, Edith Johnson, Josephine Bryant, Ruth Rhodes, Claude Powers, John Sorenson Roach, Goodwin Ellis, Cecil Fallock, Wesley Nagle. Miss Franklin was assisted in entertaining the little guests by Mrs. Blake Roach.

Mrs. Winston Pettus entertained yesterday afternoon at an enjoyable party, in honor of the third birthday anniversary of her small daughter, Nancy Hunter Pettus.

The afternoon was spent in playing various merry games. All unnecessary furniture was moved out of the way and the entire house was turned over to the little merry makers.

The refreshment table was set on the porch where vines and potted plants formed the decorations. A color scheme of pink was carried out in the dainty refreshments. The guests present were: Horace Broadbush, Gladys Primus, Genevieve Murphy, Mary Katherine Anderson, Lucille Carpenter, Clara Jolly, Margaret Jolly, Woodward Dillon, Burton Parker, A. J. Layton, Edith Walthall, Ione Sparks, Marion Jackson, Charlie Kelly, Mary Frances Robinson, Woodbridge Rosamond Snyder, Stetson Gerald Windsor, Lily Stetson.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS.

E. B. Jordan, of Globe, Ariz., left for New York Wednesday, after spending a few days in El Paso.

Mrs. J. J. Barr has as her guest Mrs. H. D. Boddington of Denver.

Harry Lawton spent several days in the city last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams. Mr. Lawton

was on his way from Mexico City to his home in Guaymas, Mexico.

H. A. Cline, accompanied by his son, Henry, Jr., arrived Saturday from Wharton, Texas, to spend the week end with his family.

Judge and Mrs. J. E. Bowen have as their guest, their nephew, Bert Lindop of Dallas.

Mrs. C. E. Kellogg of Clint spent the Fourth in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fink.

Miss Mary Cook, who has been the charming house guest of Mrs. Virginia Harris, left Thursday for her home in Texarkana, Ark. Miss Cook, who is popular in the society of her home city, was the inspiration for a number of pleasant social affairs and made many friends during her stay.

After a short visit to their parents, Judge and Mrs. A. G. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Erdix Dearing have returned to their home in Madera, Mexico.

Commander Luke McNamee, U. S. N., brother of Mrs. Frank Ains of this city, has recently been appointed navigator of the Atlantic fleet and will be aboard the flagship Connecticut. Mrs. Luke McNamee, who is a daughter of Admiral Swinburn, has visited El Paso a number of times, where she was the guest of Mrs. Frank Ains.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wright very pleasantly entertained the young people of Trinity Episcopal League and of the Missionary society on Friday evening at their home on Mesa avenue. The two societies met jointly in business session after which a delightful social time was enjoyed and dainty refreshments served by the host and hostess.

The Women's Missionary society of the First Christian church will meet Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Washington park.

Following a brief but very interesting program a picnic lunch will be served.

The business meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Friday was a most interesting one. The president, Mrs. M. L. Golden, being ill, Mrs. J. T. Roe presided very efficiently.

Reports were read and various lines of work planned. Visitors responded graciously to invitation to speak and the meeting was most interesting and helpful.

ON VACATIONS.

Mrs. E. M. Bray and son, John, left yesterday for a six weeks' stay at Long Beach, Cal. Mr. Bray will join them later, when they will go on to San Francisco for a visit before returning home.

Mrs. D. C. Booth left Saturday for a summer sojourn in California.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Anderson leave tomorrow for Los Angeles, and after a short visit there will go to Palo Alto, where they will spend two months as the guests of their niece, Mrs. Van Delen.

Mrs. A. H. Wells and sister, Mrs. John Kilburn, left Monday for a month's visit at Long Beach, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turney leave this evening for their ranch at Alpine, Texas, where they will spend several weeks.

Miss Florence Barnes will shortly leave for Long Beach, Cal. for a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. W. J. Rand and family left yesterday for a month's outing at Ocean Park, Cal.

Mrs. Charles Pomeroy and baby have gone to Ocean Park, Cal. for a month's visit.

Mrs. A. G. Foster left recently for California, where she will be joined by her daughter, Frances, who has been attending school in Pasadena, and will go to Long Beach for the rest of the summer.

Dr. E. B. Van Arsdal, wife and son, left Sunday for a six weeks' outing in California.

Miss Josie Wooten left Sunday for Venice, Cal., where she will remain until fall.

Mrs. Jesse B. Payne will leave next week for Petersburg, Va., for the rest of the summer.

Mrs. J. H. Williams and children are enjoying the cool breezes of Corpus Christi, where they will remain all summer.

Mansfield Christy left Saturday for Los Angeles and the coast resorts for a trip of several weeks.

Mrs. Flora McA. Jones left Thursday for Atlantic City and other eastern points.

Mrs. F. H. Seamon and children and Mrs. Emily V. Martin left last Saturday for California.

F. J. Feldman and Winchester Cooley left Saturday for California, to join their wives, who are summering there.

Mrs. Leonard Hansen and Miss Florence Barnes are leaving today for Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell have gone to Los Angeles to visit Mrs. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. M. R. Bard. They will return to El Paso in September.

Mrs. Belle Poole, of 1717 Montana street, left Sunday for California.

Miss Elizabeth Kirksey left Tuesday for a short visit to Fort Worth.

A. Blumenthal, of Blumenthal Bros., is in Los Angeles transacting business and taking a needed rest.

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Oakland, Calif., July 6.—William Henry Morreus, better known as William Collier, the actor, duplicated his wedding ceremony of May 3, performed at Davenport, Iowa, when he was again married there Tuesday by justice of the peace James G. Quinn. His wife was formerly Mrs. C. W. Gail, and secured a divorce from her husband some time ago. The marriage performed Tuesday was for the purpose of forestalling any legal complication which might arise in the settlement of the estate, which he desires to go to his wife upon his death.

AUTOS FOR NOGALES; GRAPES ON MARKET

Nogales, Ariz., July 6.—Two new autos have arrived in Nogales, one for Roy & Titcomb, Inc., and the other for Bracy Curtis.

The first of the grape season and the last of the strawberries has appeared in fruit markets here.

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